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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a __ continuation \(\) divisional __ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. \(\) 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/887,757 filed on July 21, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

INJECTABLE HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE WITH PHARMACEUTICALS/CELLS

 Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable). 2.

The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	
	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00	
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE	
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00	
		TOTAL	\$770.00	\$0.00	

3.		A check in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.		Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$770.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.		Enclosed is/are () sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
ба.		A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/887,757 on See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
6b.		The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.	\boxtimes	The prior application is assigned to <u>Fidia Advanced</u> <u>Biopolymers</u> , S.r.l.
8.		A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
9a.		Priority of Application No(s) filed in on is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in

Priority of International Appln. $\underline{PCT/IB99/02077}$ filed on $\underline{December}$ 21, 1999 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and $\underline{Italian}$ Application No. $\underline{PD98A00298}$ filed in

the prior application on _____.

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Italy on December 21, 1998 under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

- 10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- 11. Address all future communications to:

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- 12. An extension of time for _____() month(s) until _____has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/887,757 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- 13. 🛛 Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

DATE DEPOSITED:

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I hereby certify that the enclosed DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to MS PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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